Maiden's Bower Cool Spring Road Bel Air, MD 21014

This stone stucco house consists of two main units. The house is associated with Angus Greme, a captain in Lafayette's army, who participated in the American Revolution.

Although the exact year this house was built is not known, it is certain that at least a portion of the building was standing at the time of the 1798 Tax List.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stone stucco house consists of two main units and faces west.

The first unit, on the northern end, is one and one-half stories high, two bays wide. A one story shed addition is on the north. On the west a gabled dormer is situated in the center of the slate covered, gable flank roof. South of that is a shed dormer. On the opposite side is another gabled dormer. There is no chimney present now although there had been one at the north end at one time. Windows in this section as well as in the larger unit are replacements, the sashes being one over one. Windows on the north side of the shed addition are 6/6, on the east, 9/6. All windows in both units have louvered shutters.

Inside, the first unit consists of a kitchen and dining room. A fireplace in the dining room has a moulded wood mantle. A door next to this fireplace, now a closet was a shaft for a dumbwaiter, now enclosed. In earlier times, food was prepared in the basement and lifted to the dining room immediately above.

The larger, two story unit is five bays by two with a central through hall. This was originally three bays long, the two bays south of the through hall being an extension. The principal entrances, in the center bay, have four light transoms. There is no window at the bay on the west facade. Windows on the south gable end are stuccoed over. Attic windows are six lights over six.

Two large, corbeled brick chimneys rise from either side of the central hall on this unit's gable flank, slate covered roof.

A three bay porch covers the entrance and its flanking windows on the west facade. The porch has a flat roof with a moulded box cornice. Columns are Roman Doric. On the east facade, the porch is screened in and, as the house is built into a hill, this higher side has rubble stone corner posts. The porch is very similar to the one on the opposite facade. Beneath this porch, cellar windows are visible. These are 6/3.

Inside this unit, there are chair rails in the center through hall. The south west room has an arched doorway. Architect James Wollon has suggested the possibility of this arched doorway having been, at one time, the main exterior entrance. The thick passageway has moulded paneling and no door. The south east room has moulded panel trim at the 1/1 windows. The fireplace in this room has been altered to accommodate an iron stove.

To the north west of the hallway is the stairway. This is on the west wall. Opposite the stairway is the entrance to the north east room. The fireplace in this room has a fairly ornate mantle and frieze. There are bed mouldings on the mantle, flat pilasters and an oval, beaded moulding

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The story of this house goes back to 1781 and Lafayette's expedition through Harford County. In response to an order from General Washington to reinforce General Green's troops in the South, Lafayette and his men departed from Elkton on April 11 and crossed the Susquehanna into Harford County at a point known as Bald Friar.

The troops marched by way of Trappe Church, Priestford, Churchville, Bush and Abingdon to Baltimore.

When Officers reached that part of the road which descends to Deer Creek, at Priestford, from the Trappe Church, opposite the beautiful Indian Spring Farm, they were enchanted with the scene. Captain Greme agreed with his friend Captain Gimat, that when the war was over they would return to France, and after arranging their affairs, come back to America and buy the land which so enchanted their eyes.

That this plan was carried out in part is proven by records in the Clerk of Court's office in Bel Air, where, from May 1793 to February 1796, over 800 acres were listed as purchased by Angus Greme. The money for these purchases was furnished by Gimat who was the wealthier member of the pair. He presented the land to Greme and both returned to France intending to come back to America. Gimat was killed in action in Santa Domingo in the service of France.

Greme, however, returned, bringing his wife and several children. He lived and died on the estate he and his friend had chosen as the most beautiful spot they had seen in America. He died in the year 1800, and lies buried in the cemetery of Trappe Church where a stone marks his grave. The inscription reads as follows:

Angus Greme
Captain in the French
Army under Lafayette in
the American Revolution
Died June 11th 1800
Age 50 years

The tract, Maiden's Bower was purchased in 1741 by Aquila Paca from Daniel Scott, Jr. Paca, in turn, sold portions of the land to Angus Greme.

Although the exact year this house was built is not known, it is certain that at least a portion of the building was standing at the time of the 1798 Federal Tax Assessment. That assessment lists Angus Graham (sic) as owning 860

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 49.83

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

45 South Main Street

Bel Air

This property is bounded by Cool Spring Road on the south; Deer Creek and the property of William W. Graham III on the east; the property of William K. McDaniel on the north; and the property of Louise W. Glasser on the west.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

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Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
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acres of the tract, Maiden's Bower. Tenants listed are Daniel Loughry, Matthew Judd, and Michael Daugherty. Greme owned one slave. The house itself is described as a two story stone house measuring 30' x 30'. There were numerous other outbuildings listed, including a 10' x 10' brick springhouse.

Two listings for Maiden's Bower show up in the 1814 Maryland Tax List. 142½ acres of Maiden's Bower appear in the listing for Third District, Part III. Owners are listed as the heirs of Reverend Joseph Eden. A house is mentioned but its description does not fit the house in question. It is listed as a one story house, part brick, part stone.

A notation in the Third District, Part IV sounds more like it: 500 acres of the tract Maiden's Bower with 19 slaves and a house measuring 30' x 32'. The construction materials are not mentioned, however, for the main house and the owner's name is hard to read. It appears to be Mary F. Greme. Also mentioned among the outbuildings is a 10' x 10' brick springhouse.

David Hill and James Wollon report that beams and rafters in the attic of the center unit indicate that the original roof may have either run eastwest or have been hipped. Measurements for this section match both the 1798 and 1814 tax assessments. (See floor plan).

Physical Appearance continued on HA - 136

in the center of the frieze.

A modern, one story addition is attached to the south east of the large unit.

Title Search HA - 136

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Hegeman

	782	361	6/28/1968	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	John Potter Archer, Jr. and Mary Lyman Johnson Niven Hegeman and Susan Weakley, wife 49.43 acres
GRG	348	475	10/14/1950	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	
GRG	314	512	5/1/1948	Grantor: Grantee:	
GCB	280	339	11/20/1943	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Miller C. Graybeal Wilbert M. Graybeal "Maiden's Bower" 177 acres
JAR	173	4	3/1/1921	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	
WSF	73	180	4/3/1892	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Frank H. Jacobs Ariel E. Williams "Maiden Bower Farm" 176 acres
WSF	73	181	4/13/1892	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Frank H. Jacobs
JMM	11	18	8/24/1888	Grantor: Grantee:	Last Will and Testement of James M. Magraw Katherine Whitely Magraw, my wife, I bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate
WSF	72	286	2/14/1881	Equity:	The Jarrettsville Building vs. Katharine W. Magraw Stevenson Williams, trustee
WG	13	462	2/21/1863	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	William Hinkson and wife Henry S. Magraw and heirs "The Maiden Bower Farm"

ALJ	7	330	5/27/1856	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	William Hinkson
ALJ	1	244		Equity:	James Archer, et al v.s. Pamelia Archer and others. Stevenson Archer, trustee
HDG	32	213	8/8/1846	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Mary Archer Stevenson Archer "Maiden Bower", "Maiden Bower Secured", "Ruff's Chance", "Isaac's Delight", "Paca's Industry", "Roughstone", and "Leigh of Leighton"
HD	17	132	5/9/1834	Grantor: Grantee:	Robert H. Archer and Mary, wife Stevenson Archer
HD	10	133	9/28/1826	Grantor: Grantee:	
HD	5	425	1/2/1822	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	
JLG	М	434	2/29/1796	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Angus Greme

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	original[] replaced[] ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[] replaced[]
	PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[] hip[] gable[]
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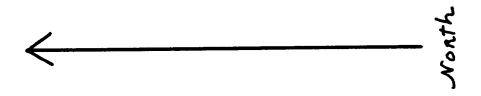
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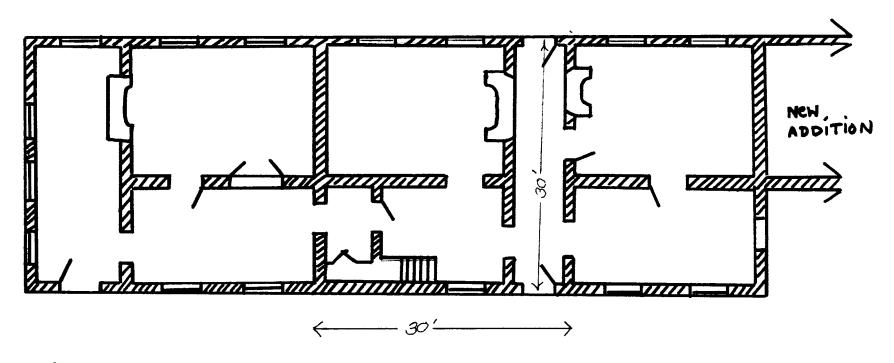
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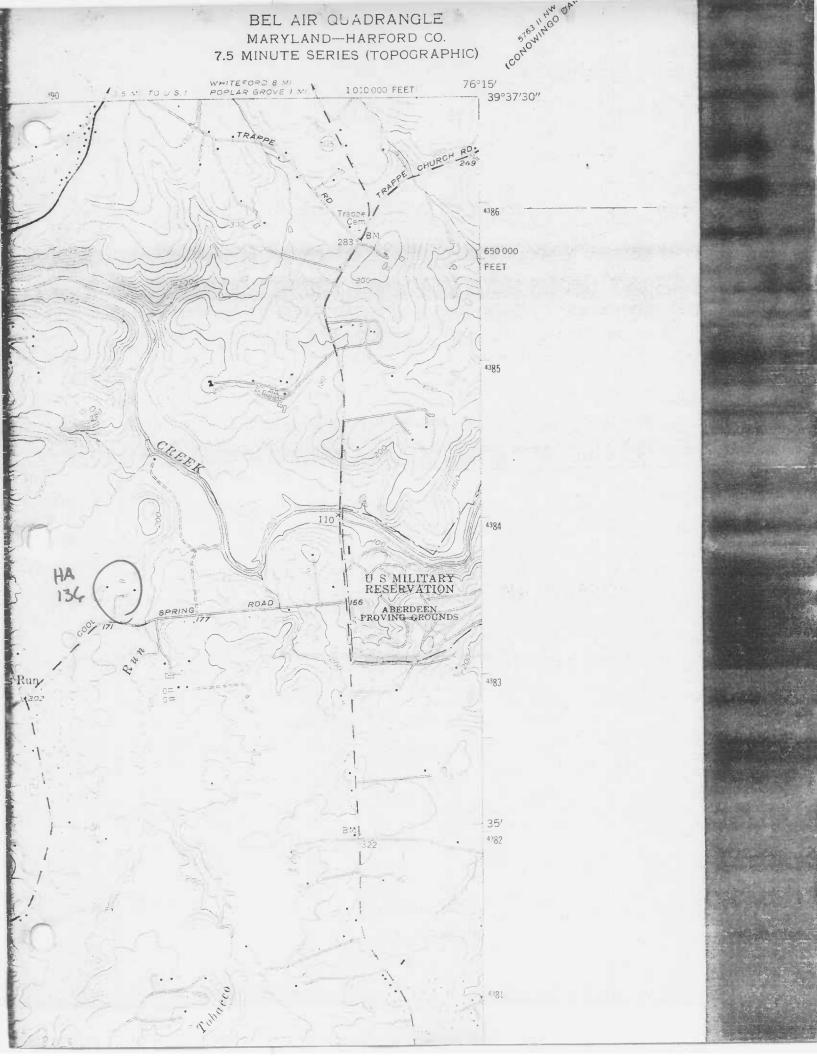
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As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is: National State Local	I hereby certify that this property is included National Register. Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Pres	
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